



# NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture  
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE  
HEARTLAND REGION -- ILLINOIS FIELD OFFICE  
801 Sangamon Ave, Rm 62,  
Springfield, Illinois 62702

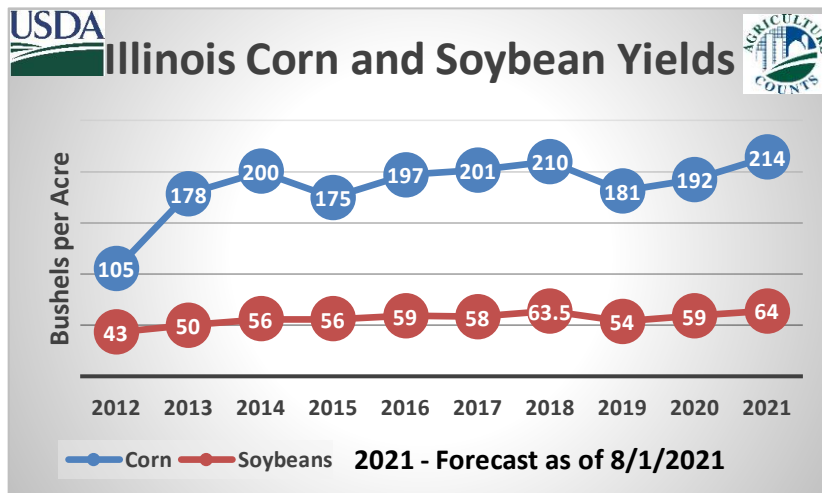


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mark Schleusener 314-681-3315  
[nassrfohlr@usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohlr@usda.gov)

[Springfield, Illinois] – Starting in late August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact farmers to get an update on yield prospects for corn and soybeans. NASS field staff will also begin making counts and measurements in selected fields across Illinois.

“Field counts and measurements are very helpful to our yield forecasting process,” said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. “For corn and soybeans, our field staff help us measure ear count, ear weight, pod count, and pod weight. We also use satellite imagery and weather information to assist in setting yield forecast statistics.”



NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. The September Crop Production Report will be published on September 10 and will be available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

All NASS reports are available at [nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://nass.usda.gov/Publications). For more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or [nassrfohlr@usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohlr@usda.gov).

###

*NASS is the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture and is committed to providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.*

*USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*